UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

IN RE DELTA DENTAL ANTITRUST LITIGATION

**CIVIL ACTION NO.** 

1:19-CV-06734

**MDL NO.** 2931

Hon. Elaine E. Bucklo

This document relates to: ALL ACTIONS

JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO SUBMIT JOINT STATUS REPORT AND PROPOSED DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS SCHEDULE

Plaintiffs and Defendants (together, the "Parties") in the above referenced action respectfully seek a one-week extension of the October 10, 2024 deadline to submit to the Court a joint status report and proposed schedule for dispositive motions.

The Court's January 3, 2024 Minute Entry (ECF No. 746) set a status hearing on October 17, 2024 for tracking purposes only, states that appearances by counsel at the status hearing are not required, and orders the Parties to file a joint written status report by October 10, 2024 to include an agreed dispositive motions schedule. The Minute Entry further states that the Court will enter a scheduling order in response to the status report.

The Parties continue to confer about the case schedule going forward, and they seek a one-week extension of the deadline, to October 17, 2024, to submit the joint status report and proposed schedule. The current deadline for the status report (October 10) coincides with Plaintiffs' due date to file and serve their reply brief and any rebuttal expert reports in support of their motion for class certification. The brief extension will provide the Parties with additional time to confer about the dispositive motion deadlines, and to determine whether they can agree on a schedule or will need to submit alternate proposals to the Court for its consideration in their joint status report. The status

hearing (for tracking purposes only) that is currently set of October 17 would similarly be extended by one week to October 24, 2024.

The Parties also expect to submit with their joint status report a proposal for page limits for their *Daubert* motions relating to class certification experts. That proposal is due on October 17, 2024 pursuant to the Third Amended Scheduling Order at 4 (ECF. No. 729), and thus would coincide with the Parties' requested deadline for the joint status report.

Good cause exists to grant the requested relief. The Parties are continuing to confer and attempting to reach an agreement on a proposed schedule to submit for the Court's consideration. The modest extension they seek will not interfere with any other deadlines in this action or materially delay this matter in any way.

Wherefore, the Parties respectfully request that (1) the Court grant this motion for a one-week extension for the parties to submit their joint status report and proposed schedule to the Court, and reset the due date for the joint status report to October 17, 2024, and (2) reset the status hearing (for tracking purposes only, no appearances required) to October 24, 2024.

Dated: October 8, 2024 Respectfully submitted,

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I, Britt M. Miller, an attorney, hereby certify that on October 8, 2024, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing **JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO SUBMIT JOINT STATUS REPORT AND PROPOSED DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS SCHEDULE** to be filed and served electronically via the Court's CM/ECF system. Notice of this filing will be sent to all parties by operation of the Court's electronic filing system. Parties may access this filing through the court's CM/ECF System.

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